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REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are currently pending and under consideration.

In the Advisory Action of October 1, 2004 it was stated that the cancellation of withdrawn claims 31-42 would allow the application to pass to issue. It is respectfully submitted that said claims have been canceled and that the application now meets the requirements for issuance.

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